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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date August 25, 1938.

Subject E. W. WESTWOOD.

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In addition to the details given in a report dated August 24, 1938 in regard to Ernest William WESTWOOD, British, I have to state that this individual appeared before the local British Police Court on August 21, 1934 when he answered the following charges:-

(1) Driving motor car No. 8979 on August 7, 1934 on Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, while under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the said motor car, contrary to Section 15 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

(2) Driving motor car No. 8979 on August 7, 1934 on Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, in a manner which was dangerous to the public, contrary to Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

(3) Driving motor car No. 8979 on August 7, 1934 on Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, without a licence to drive a motor car, contrary to Byelaw 36, Traffic Regulation 34.

He was found guilty on each charge and fined £50 or one month's imprisonment on each of the first two counts and $25 in respect of the third.

After this incident, which eventually culminated in his losing his post with Messrs. Culty Dairy, he appeared to go from bad to worse in his drinking habits, finally reducing himself from a position of comparative wealth to one of penury.

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Subject E. W. WESTWOOD, British.

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Ernest William WESTWOOD, British, was born at Wuhu on July 7, 1898. His father, an Australian, was for many years connected with the China Inland Mission as an active missionary in the interior of this country.

The son was educated at the C.I.M. Chefoo Schools and later in Brisbane. After completing his studies he returned to the Far East and for many years, also was working in various capacities for the China Inland Mission.

In October 1923 he was arrested by the local French Police and charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was fined $20 for this offence.

In 1931 he broke away from his missionary friends and being an expert auditor, accountant and secretary, secured a responsible post with Messrs. Culty Dairy, 1567 Avenue Joffre. He retained this position until March 1935 when he was dismissed on account of his intemperate habits. He was always considered an excellent man at his job until his craving for alcohol got the better of him, when he invariably "went on a binge" for weeks at a time. Perfectly reliable and capable when sober, he is said to have been a fiend with an uncontrollable temper when ~~render~~ under the influence of strong drink.

In April 1935 WESTWOOD, now unemployed, registered himself with the Salvation Army and although he has for certain periods resided in the Salvation Army Hostel in Yang Terrace, he has never caused this organization a great deal of trouble and has received but meagre financial support from it.

Since losing his post with Messrs. Cultry Dairy he has been employed in Shanghai for short periods with:-

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as an agent soliciting advertising matter and/or doing secretarial work. He also, for a considerable time, taught English at the Continental English College, Range Road.

In addition to the details given above he has been the subject of several unofficial complaints regarding the non-payment of small debts.

From the autumn of 1934 until late 1937 when he left Shanghai for Hongkong, WESTWOOD resided at various second rate boarding houses, including the Salvation Army Hostel, in the poorer parts of the Settlement.

Although married and the father of two children he is now separated from his family.

A well educated, well spoken and at times, a brilliant man, WESTWOOD would appear to have brought himself into his present lowly position merely through untimely over-indulgence in strong liquor.

Ja. Pitts.

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